UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION and LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

Plaintiffs, : C.A. No. 04-1494-JJF

V.

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,

Defendant.

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v. :

: C.A. No. 04-1256-JJF

PAUL HASTINGS JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP,

Defendant.

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v. : C.A. No. 05-0499-JJF

MIKE J. HANSON & ERNIE J. KINDT,

Defendants.

DEFENDANT NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER

NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern"), defendant in the above-captioned action styled *Magten Asset Management Corp. et al. v. NorthWestern Corp.*, C.A. 04-1494-JJF, by and through its counsel, Greenberg Traurig, LLP and Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle

LLP, hereby moves, pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for a Protective Order limiting discovery in connection with the above-captioned actions, for the reasons set forth in NorthWestern's Memorandum of Law and accompanying Affidavit of Joseph D. Pizzurro, both filed contemporaneously herewith.

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